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I am pleased to hear that the California Environmental Trust has received funding to organize and convene an expert panel workshop that will provide critical input in the development of an ecosystem governance structure for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We appreciate your assistance in response to Secretary Babbitt's request earlier this year.

To help in the planning for the expert panel, I should let you know our current schedule. We anticipate that a recommendation on an ecosystem governance structure will be made by the Bay Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) in July and a decision by Policy Group possibly in July or August. Since the introduction of state legislation may be needed to implement the ecosystem governance structure, there is an interest in reaching a conclusion this summer in time for interim legislative hearings and introduction of legislation in January.

I have been informed that you are expecting the expert panel to meet in late June. That date should fit well with our schedule. Please let us know if there is a problem in meeting the June date. As you proceed with development of the expert panel we would like to continue to be involved. Thank you for your assistance to the CALFED Program.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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